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SUBJ: EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE: MREIDEN, TARIF

1. SYRIAN MINISTER OF TOURISM HAS RAISED WITH
AMBASSADOR QUESTION OF SUBJECT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR
SPECIALIZED MEDICAL TRAINING IN UNITED STATES.

2. TARIF MREIDEN, BORN DAMASCUS OCTOBER 12, 1946, GRADUATED
FROM DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL WITH "EXCELLENT"
RATING IN 1973. HE HAS SPENT LAST TWO YEARS IN LONDON
TRAINING IN INTERNAL MEDICINE. HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING
AT ST. ANNE'S HOSPITAL IN LONDON. ACCORDING TO MINISTER,
MREIDEN HAS HAD OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
ALL HIS SUPERVISORS.

3. SUBJECT TOOK ECFMG IN 1973 BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.
HE RETOOK THE EXAMINATION IN LONDON DURING MARCH 1973
AND PASSED. HIS SCORE ON RETAKE IS UNKNOWN HERE IN DAMASCUS.

4. SUBJECT HOPES PROCEED US SOONEST FOR SPECIALIZED
TRAINING IN CARDIOLOGY AND LAST YEAR APPLIED FOR
ACCEPTANCE AT AMERICAN HOSPITAL THROUGH THE NATIONAL
INTERN AND RESIDENTS MATCHING PROGRAM (NIRMP). A YEAR
HAS PASSED WITHOUT NEWS. MINISTER, WHO CLOSE FRIEND
OF FAMILY, ASKED IF AMBASSADOR COULD CHECK OUT NATURE
OF DIFFICULTIES. IN ANSWER QUESTION, AMBASSADOR
ASSURED MINISTER IT IMPROBABLE THERE ANY POLITICAL
PROBLEM AND THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY MAKE INQUIRIES
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THROUGH DEPARTMENT TO THE NIRMP.

5. ADVISE ASAP. THIS CASE HAS IMPORTANT PUBLIC
RELATIONS ASPECT.
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